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DEAR MR. RAY:

BOTH OF YOUR LETTERS TO JERRY ARE HERE WAITING ON HIS RETURN FROM ST. LOUIS. HE WILL BE THERE UNTIL AFTER JOHN IS SENTENCED ON FRIDAY, THE 23RD.

THE FBI FRAMED JOHN. THEY EVEN RESORTED TO PLANTING "EVIDENCE" ON HIM. THE TRIAL STARTED ON MONDAY MARCH 29 AND THE JURY CAME OUT WITH A VERDICT AT 11:35 P.M. ON TUESDAY NIGHT, APRIL THE 6TH. I SAW JOHN AGAIN THE NEXT DAY AND THEN FLEW TO JACKSONVILLE.

I RECEIVED YOUR LETTER UPON RETURNING. I HAVE FELT DESPONDENT EVER SINCE JOHN'S TRIAL. ANOTHER THING THAT HURT JOHN WAS THAT THEY PUT HIM ON TRIAL WITH ANOTHER DEFENDANT WHO HAD BEEN ARRESTED WITH MARKED MONEY ON HIM.

WITH BEST WISHES, I REMAIN

SINCERELY YOURS,

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